

The Donkey and The Shadow



It was a hot summer day, and one tourist rented a donkey to carry him across the dusty road to the next town.



The donkey was lazy and stopped every now and then, so his master walked behind and whipped the animal to keep it moving.



At noon, they stopped to rest. There was no shadow around, so the tourist sat in the shadow the donkey made. It was very hot, and the donkey's master was also tired and wanted to sit in the shadow of his donkey.



He said to the tourist,

"The donkey is mine, and therefore his shadow is mine. You rented the donkey and not his shadow, so let me sit there".



The traveler said,

"I have rented the donkey for the day, so it is my right to use his shadow. You can not separate the shadow from the donkey, can you?"



While the two men were quarreling, the donkey ran away and took his shadow with him. Now they both lost the shadow and realized they should not have fought.



We should not
fight.

